

Japan 2 Sen Rose UPU Koban: Usages and Varieties



In 1877, Japan joined the UPU (Universal Postal Union.) Japan issued the 2 Sen Rose on January 1, 1883 to facilitate the UPU agreement. It was issued in many different shades and perforation varieties. In addition, the Meiji Period (1868-1912) was the beginning of Japan's Imperialist push in Asia, so the 2 Sen Rose can be found with many foreign usages.

2 Sen Rose Mihon and Mint Examples



みほん (Mihon) or Specimen were issued for display at Japanese Post Offices. This one is perf. 11 Left. (Very Rare)



Perf. 12 Strip of 3



Perf. 10

2 Sen Rose with Yokohama Foreign Mail Cancels

1889-1903



1889 thimble, 1890-91 and 1892-93 Meiji Cancels



1894-1898 Cancels



1899-1903 Cancels

2 Sen Rose with Other Foreign Mail Cancels



Postal Card: Kioto to Torino, Italy



Used in Tokyo



Used in Kobe 1892 and 1894 Meiji



Used in Osaka 1900

2 Sen Rose Usages in Foreign Countries



Used in Shanghai 1889 and 1891



Used in Hong Kong 1889, 1893, 1894 and 1862



Used in Seoul 1898 with Imprint

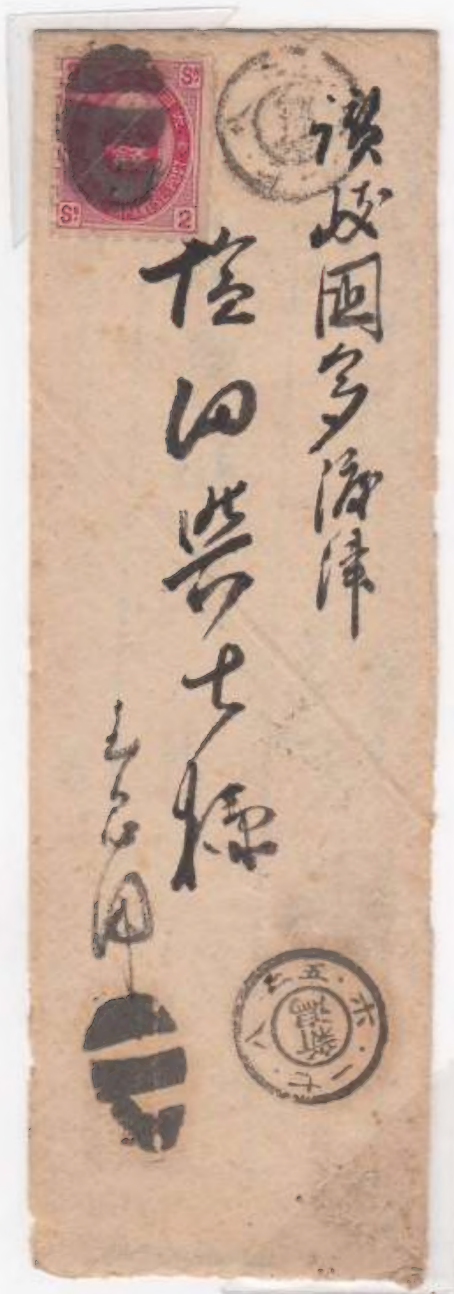


Used in Chefoo 1894



Used in Taiwan

2 Sen Rose with Domestic Cancels (KG Cancels)



Cover From Nigata to Ehime



Himeji



Yamaguchi



Onomichi (Hiroshima)



Teraiya-cho (Hiogo)



Kabe-cho (Hiroshima)



Kishiwada (Wakayama)

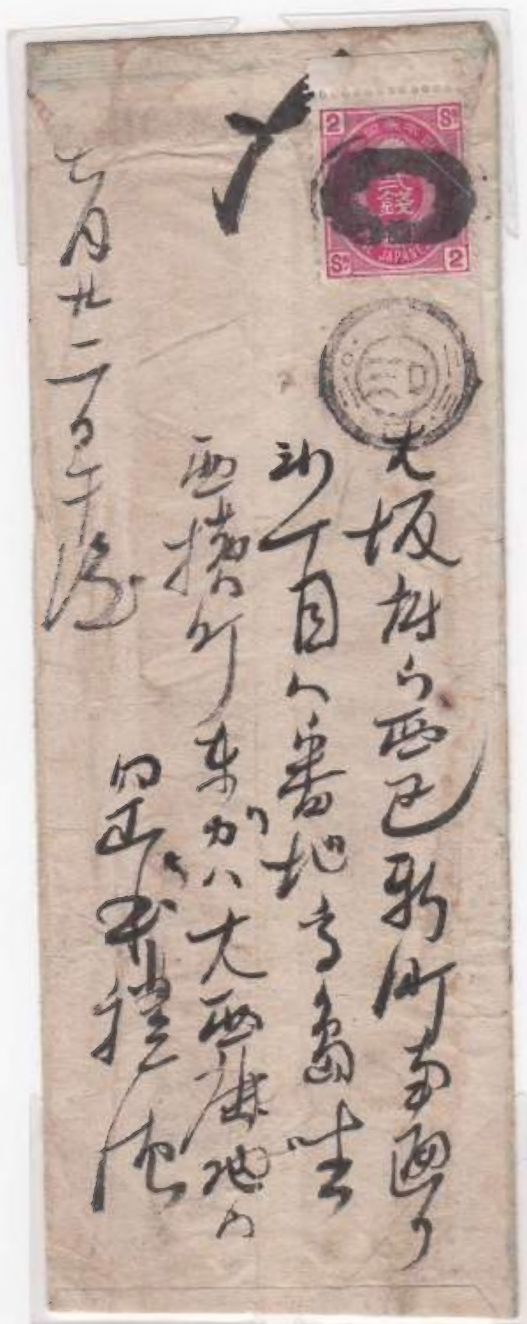


Izuhara (Nagasaki)



Miyachi (Yamaguchi)

2 Sen Rose with Bota (Cork Cancels)



Cover with Osaka Bota



Tokyo



Osaka



Kobe



Nagasaki



Akita



Yokohama



Niigata



Gifu

2 Sen Rose Used as Postage Due








1889 Cover: Tuscola, IL to Osaka (San Francisco and Yokohama)



2 Sen Rose Used on a Package Label

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Package Label: Tokyo to ?